

Gernika-Lumo (Biscay, Spain), 1st of October of 2024.

To whom it may concern

In behalf of the menaced South Harz gypsum karst, I manifest my support to the resolution of the Verband der deutschen Höhlen- und Karstforscher (VdHK), asking the state of Saxony-Anhalt to preserve the gypsum karst, by the application of the existent laws and directives that protect such a biotope.

This is particularly meaningful for me, as my speleological group (ADES) works in a Biosphere Reserve too (Urdaibai), that is menaced by a great urbanistic project, linked to a private enterprise (Guggenheim Foundation). Protection figures like Natura 2000, Biosphere Reserves or Geoparks have to be effectively considered, or else they would be only aesthetic greenwashing.

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